

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously Presented) A method for paying for mail to be delivered from a sender in a first country to a recipient in a second country, comprising the steps of:

affixing a first indicia containing a unique number to mail for payment of carrier fees at the first country post office;

affixing a second country indicia containing a number to the mail for payment of the carrier fees for a second country post office, and

debiting a meter for the payment of the carrier fees for the first country post office and the carrier fees for the second country post office.

2. (Original) The method claimed in claim 1, wherein the first indicia is a post office postal indicia.

3. (Original) The method claimed in claim 1, wherein the second indicia is a post office postal indicia.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) The method claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and second indicia are affixed to mail by a postage meter.

7. (Original) The method claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and second indicia are affixed to mail by a personal computer meter.

8. (Previously Presented) The method claimed in claim 1, further including the steps of:  
storing information contained in the first indicia and the second indicia in a database;  
examining the first indicia information and the second indicia information; and  
comparing the information stored in the database with the information examined to  
determine whether the first indicia, and the second indicia affixed to examined mail are  
legitimate.
9. (Previously Presented) The method claimed in claim 8, further including the step of:  
utilizing the unique number contained in the first indicia and the number contained in  
the second indicia to determine whether the first indicia and the second indicia affixed to the  
examined mail are legitimate.
10. (Previously Presented) The method claimed in claim 8, further including the step of:  
canceling the first indicia and the second indicia.
11. (Previously Presented) The method claimed in claim 8, further including the step of:  
marking the first indicia and the second indicia with a visible ink to distinguish a used  
first and second indicia from an unused first and second indicia.
12. (Previously Presented) The method claimed in claim 1, further including the step of:  
reporting the payment of carrier fees for affixing the first indicia to the first country post  
office: and  
reporting the payment of carrier fees for affixing the second indicia to the second  
country post office.